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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: LAWYER COMMENTS ON NKANDI ACQUITTAL;
NEW TERRORISM ACT TRIAL PENDING

REFERENCE: CAPE TOWN 877

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED NKANDI ACQUITTAL WITH MEMBER OF DE-
DEFENSE TEAM ON MAY 2. ACCORDING TOSOURCE, DEFENSE LAWYERS
FIRST LEARNED THAT STATE WOULD SEEK QUICK END TO NKANDI
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TRIAL ON APRIL 29 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF "TRIAL WITHIN A
TRIAL" ON QUESTION OF SYSTEMATIC TORTURING OF DETAINEES
(SEE PRETORIA 6620). AFTER THE STATE PROSECUTOR REALIZED
THAT HIS CASE RESTED SOLELY ON ONE WITNESS WHO ADMITTED
COMMITTING PERJURY TO SAVE HERSELF PLUS TWO OTHER WITNESSES
OFFERED IMPROBABLE TESTIMONY AND ADMITTED THAT THE
POLICE TORTURED THEM, THE STATE FILED AN APPLICATION ON

MAY 1 TO HAVE THE CHARGES WITHDRAWN.

2. DEFENSE LAWYER MENTIONED THAT A NEW TERRORISM ACT TRIAL WILL BEGIN SHORTLY IN NAMIBIA. THE STATE IS CHARGING AN OVAMBOLAND SHOPKEEPER, SAKARIA ALFEUS, WITH VOLUNTARILY GIVING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO SOME GUERRILLAS IN AUGUST 1977. THE "ASSISTANCE" IN QUESTION CONSISTED OF SOAP, BLANKETS AND SIMILAR PROVISIONS. ALFEUS CLAIMS THAT HE ENTERED HIS SHOP IN LATE EVENING AND WAS SURPRISED BY SOME INTRUDERS WHO HAD ALREADY BROKEN IN. ACCORDING TO ALFEUS, HE WAS FORCED TO SELL THE GOODS AT GUNPOINT.
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